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SUBJ: NIGERIAN PRESSES FOR ANGOLAN DISCUSSION DURING
WRITERS' SEMINAR IN DAKAR

1. UNION OF NEGRO-AFRICAN WRITERS (UENA), FORMED DURING ACCRA WRITERS' MEETING IN JUNE 1975, REPORTEDLY DECIDED TO ESTABLISH ORGANIZATION'S SEAT IN ACCRA AND SELECTED DAKAR AS SITE FOR CONTINENTAL PUBLISHING HOUSE AND GROUP'S FIRST CONSTITUENT CONGRESS. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT NIGERIAN AUTHOR WOLE SOYINKA (ONE OF UNION'S FOUNDERS) VISITED SENEGAL RECENTLY FOR WORKING SESSION WITH GOS MINISTER OF CULTURE SENE AND MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SENEGALESE WRITERS. DAKAR DAILY LE SOLEIL REPORTS THAT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR CONGRESS IS MEETING FEBRUARY 6 IN DAKAR AND WILL INVOLVE 28 WRITERS FROM DIFFERENT LINGUISTIC AND GEOGRAPHIC ZONES IN AFRICA. SEMINAR ON "THE NEGRO-AFRICAN OPTION" IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN DAKAR FEB. 4-5 IN CONNECTION WITH MEETING. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

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ITSELF IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE LATER THIS YEAR IN

DAKAR.

2. IN JAN. 22 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, PRESIDENT SENGHOR SAID
PLANS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WERE BEING ENDANGERED BY
POLITICS OF ANGOLAN SITUATION. HE SAID SOYINKA AND OTHERS
WERE INSISTING ON DISCUSSING ANGOLA IN SEMINAR. HOWEVER,
SENGHOR SAID HE WAS RESOLVED TO CANCEL GATHERING IF
NEED BE, RATHER THAN POLITICIZE CULTURAL MEETINGS AND
SEMINARS. DURING CONVERSATION, HE SINGLED OUT ONCE MORE SOVIET
UNION AND ALGERIA IN PARTICULAR AS OPPONENTS OF HIS PHILOSOPHY
OF CGRITUDE.
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